

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 12, 18, 26, and 27 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-27 are now pending in this application.

Regarding Claim Objections

Claims 26 and 27 have been objected to for containing a grammatical error. The Applicant has amended Claims 26 and 27 to correct for the grammatical error. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objections of claims 26 and 27.

Regarding Suggested Subject Matters

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the suggested claimed subject matter. The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 12, and 18 to further clarify both perforators and the specifics of the clip arrangement as shown in Applicant's Figures 2B and 2C. As such, the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-27.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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